

REMARKS

Claims 4-6 remain pending in this application. Claim 4 was amended in this response. No new matter has been introduced as a result of the amendment.

The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for acknowledging the Applicant's claim for foreign priority. In accordance with the Examiner's request, a certified copy of the priority document is enclosed herein.

Claims 4-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112(2) as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In light of the present amendments, Applicant submits the rejection is moot, and withdrawal is respectfully requested.

Claims 4-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Voits et al.* (5,751,707). The Applicant traverses the rejection. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Specifically, Voit fails to teach "routing a call from a calling subscriber station to an intelligent node, the intelligent node running supplementary services activated by a called subscriber station and, potentially, switching the call through to the called subscriber station; and generating, based on the available supplementary services, an operating menu which is transmitted to the called subscriber station and which provides for administration of the supplementary services with respect to the calling subscriber station" as claimed in claim 4. Voit teaches an intelligent network operation where a calling subscriber (col. 10, lines 47-50), that has activated supplementary services may route calls according to data supplied by an intelligent node (col. 11, lines 7-13). The system taught in the Voit reference specifically relies on a dual broadband wireless / narrowband telephone network (col. 6, lines 14-18). Also, Voit teaches that a called subscriber may view information from the calling subscriber (col. 6, lines 25-29; col. 14, lines 4-7). However, Voit explicitly teaches that customer control is further implemented through the use of a set-top box (DET 8) which runs independently from the intelligent node (col. 15, lines 1-11. The embodiment of col. 15-16 describes a system wherein a caller may re-route a call to voice mail, secretarial service, or an alternate number when an attempted call is

refused or is busy (col. 15, lines 13-23; col. 16, lines 9-27). The teaching of Voit does not provide for any service control initiated by the called party. The presently claimed invention differs materially from the configuration in Voit, as no set-top-boxes are required for the signaling, and called stations may initiate supplementary service.

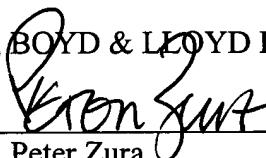
For at least these reasons, claims 4-6 are in allowable form, and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly requested.

A petition for a one-month extension, along with a check in the amount of \$110 is hereby enclosed. If any additional fees are due in connection with this application as a whole, the Examiner is authorized to deduct such fees from deposit account no. 02-1818. If such a deduction is made, please indicate the attorney docket number (0112710-0368) on the account statement..

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